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James Smithson, an Englishman, dying at Genoa, Italy, on the 27th of June, 1829, was the founder of the world renowned institution which has since borne his name, and which was on Tuesday destroyed by fire. By the terms of his will, he bequeathed the whole of a large estate inherited from his father, the Dake of Northumberland, "to the United States of America, to found at Washington under the name of the Smithsonian Imstitution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." The government of the United States having been notified of its claim, deputed the late Hon. Richard Rush as commissioner to assert its interest. After the long delay of a technical chancery suit, the proceeds of Mr. Smithson's legacy were deposited to the amount of five hundred and fifteen thousand one hundred and sixty nine dollars, in the mint at Philadelphia, on the first of September, 1838.

The political life of Lord Palmerston has been longer than that of any statesman of the present century, at home or abroad. That of Prince Metternich lasted fifty-four years; that of the Duke of Wellington little more than forty six years; that of Sir Robert Peel even less still. But Lord Palmerston entered the House of Commons in 1806, and has held his office, with very slight intermission, since 1807, or fifty-seven years.

The National Banks now authorized will soon increase the issues from that source to one hundred and forty millions, so there will be left only the sum of one hundred and sixty millions to reach the limit; and nearly half of this amount will be issued by the National Banks of the State of New York; which are soon to be organized, under the enabling act of the State Assembly.

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It is announced from Washington that the quotas of all the districts in New York have now been assigned, upon the basis of the corrected enrollment and credits.

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